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SATURDAY, MAY 25, 1895.

## Base-Ball.

The Orange Athletic Club will play the Yale University team this afternoon on the Orange Oval, East Orange. This game should attract the largest crowd that has ever seen a game on these grounds.

The outcome of the first game, two weeks ago, was very unsatisfactory owing to the inclement weather, and it looked very much as though Orange would defeat the collegians. There are many who look for a victory for the Athletic Club next Saturday, judging from the way they scored so easily by hitting Carter at will. Yale is fully aware of the fact that she will have to put up good live ball to win, and as a result it will be an unusually snappy game.

The Watseessing Base-ball Club and the Pastime Field Club, of Manhattan College, New York, played an excellent game on the Watseessing grounds, last Saturday afternoon before a large crowd of spectators. Brilliant plays on both sides were features of the game. William Howarth, third-baseman on the Watseessing's, made a fine one hand catch of a fly ball resulting in a double play. Howarth made a number of good stops and fine throws. Archie Dailey achieved some very difficult feats in returning catches of fly balls in left field. Frank Ferguson did good work at short stop, and John Ferguson played a splendid game behind the bat. McGuire, left fielder for the Pastimes, made one of the most brilliant one handed catches of a long fly-er seen on any ball field. McGuire, third baseman for the visitors also played a good game. Both sides did heavy batting. The Pastimes enjoy the distinction of being the heaviest "rooters" that ever played in Watseessing. Their manager took a hand in the rooting and the whistle at the Sprague Grounds sounded weak in comparison with the ear-piercingness of his lung power. It was a great consolation to the spectators that he soon got tired of himself.

The general fielding work of both clubs was good although in the second innings the visitors scored a run on a bunch of errors chargeable to the Watseessing.

Henry Bradley umpired the game. The Pastimes were strongly disposed to chronic kicking but Mr. Bradley held them in line. He has the reputation of being a thoroughly impartial umpire and it is useless to try bulldozing tactics upon him.

## SCORE BY INNINGS.

Watsseessing..... 0-1-2-1-0-5-0-0-9  
Pastime F.C..... 0-1-1-0-0-3-0-0-3

There will be no game on the Watseessing grounds this afternoon, as the home club goes to Madison to play the Madison Athletic Club.

The Montclair Athletic Club Ball nine will play the St. Louis College team of New York this afternoon at Montclair.

## Red Riding Hood.

The opera of Red Riding Hood will be given in Central Hall, Friday evening, May 31, and a matinee performance of it on Saturday afternoon, June 1st, by the pupils of Miss Northall's school. The opera has been frequently rehearsed, and much pains taken to insure an enjoyable and successful production of it. The leading character Red Riding Hood will be portrayed by Miss Claudia Smith and that of "Wolf" by Lester Bennett. The chorus will consist of a host of girls and boys. Very pretty scenery will be a feature of the performance. For full particulars about this beautiful entertainment read the advertisement on page 5 of this week's paper.

## Strawberry Pie and Cream.

The young people of the Ebenezer M. E. Church have organized a Young People's League which meets in the church on Bloomfield Avenue every Tuesday evening. The first evening picnic of the league will be held next Tuesday evening when Elder White will deliver a lecture. A strawberry festival will follow the lecture.

## Your Choice of Ice.

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## ACCIDENT OR DESIGN.

A Series of Mishaps That Befell a Party of Sunday Cyclers Furnishes a Theme for Moralists to Discourse Upon.

Is Sunday cycling wrong? Is retributive justice immediate in its results? The above two questions no doubt have frequently formed the basis of argument between moralists, sabbatarians and theologians on one side and free thinkers, liberals and men indifferent to religious or metaphysical questions on the other side.

The armies of controversialists have frequently met and clashed, but the result has invariably been an indecisive conflict or an evenly drawn battle. The former of the two armies is always driven back to its fortress of fatalism where it cannot be dislodged, or the latter army is driven into the mist of higher law, such as the assertion that "necessity and mercy are higher in authority than any mandate of the Bible" and where there opponents cannot pursue the attack. In all questions of this kind the common people have to draw their deductions from the facts as they are seen, and felt in every day life and the following narration of a series of mishaps, may aid some people in reaching sound conclusions on a matter of grave importance. At 9:30 o'clock last Sunday morning, Frank G. Tower, J. Milton Unangst, F. M. Cossitt, A. M. Cossitt and Frank Corraz, members of the Bloomfield Cycling and Athletic Association left the centre for a cycling run to Coney Island. The route lay through Belleville, Rutherford and following the long road that threads across the meadows to Hoboken Heights necessitating the climbing of a steep grade one and one-half miles in length, and which nearly exhausted the energies of the cyclists. The party bowed down into wicked Hoboken where no indications of Sunday were visible. The cyclists followed the track of the North Hudson County Railway, J. M. Unangst interlocked with a railway switch and took a header in the dirty mud. Frank G. Tower felt the rear wheel of his bicycle collapsing and when on the ferry-boat an examination of the machine revealed a puncture by a tack. F. M. Cossitt either through characteristic prudence or premonition had provided himself with a wheelman's outfit and Mr. Tower's Victor wheel was soon put in proper order, he being admonished in the meantime to henceforth ride a "Columbia" and thus avoid such mishaps. Mr. Tower who is a Victor crank retorted that the others better look to their own wheels. Mr. A. M. Cossitt took the hint and was surprised to find a carpet tack imbedded in the tire of his wheel. The others took a look at the tack and some one discovered another tack and another and another until Mr. Cossitt was dumfounded. He had picked up no less than seven tacks. Mr. Unangst who had hugely enjoyed the off-set to his mishap, deemed it prudent to look at his own wheel, and was chagrined to find that a new tire that he had just paid \$5.00 for contained four tacks. Some wicked Hudson County boys had strewed the roadway with carpet tacks, placing them points upward. At City Hall park the party put up for repairs. A crowd of bicycle cranks gathered around and discussed the merits and demerits of the respective wheels. Mr. Cossitt's supply of repair material was exhausted. Mr. Unangst pushed his wheel to Brooklyn where he left the party to visit a relative. He never got back. The party went on to Coney Island minus his company. On the return they hunted him up and found him at his friends in a disconsolate mood. He had borrowed his friends new wheel for a spin through Prospect Park, and ill fate still pursued him in the shape of two punctures in the borrowed wheel. Mr. Unangst footed it back to Chamber Street ferry kindly helping his wheel along. The party took a Greenwood Lake train for home. Messrs. Tower and Corraz getting out at North Newark and finishing the journey on their wheels. Perhaps some people will say that the events of the day were simply a series of accidents not likely to happen again in a life time. Perhaps other people will say it was a speedy manifestation of retributive justice for violation of certain immutable laws. The story affords ample material for debate, and perhaps the Cycling Association may find profit in wrestling with the problem, "was it a necessity for recreation, and a merciful relaxation from the cares of business that prompted their outing?" If so, they have pulpit authority for it that they are shielded by a higher law than the fourth commandment.

## An Old-Fashioned Fourth.

An important meeting of a joint committee of members of the Cycling and Athletic Association and business men of the town will be held Monday night, for the purpose of discussing a project for an old-fashioned Fourth of July in this town when that holiday comes around. A brass band, athletic sports, orations, fireworks, and all the incidents of a real good old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration is the programme mapped out, and the Cyclers are just the ones to undertake the scheme if it shall meet with the co-operation and approval of the business men and town authorities.

The outcome of Monday night's meeting will be awaited with interest.

## AUTHORS' LIKES AND DISLIKES.

Tastes of Some Well Known Writers as Seen from Their Avowals.

The Book Buyer has been reading out to literary people some blarney which they are required to fill out, telling who are their favorite prose authors, poets, painters, etc., their favorite books, heroes of fiction, what they most enjoy and most detest, and so on. Some of the results are amusing—none very instructive. It would be more amusing than anything else, for instance, to see Mr. Brander Matthews attempt to reconcile his favorite prose writer, Hawthorne, and his favorite poet, Dobson, with his favorite musical composer, Wagner; but when, opposite the sentence, "Where I should like to live," he writes "New York of course," we begin to comprehend as well as to be amused. Mr. Joel Chandler Harris makes a very frank and cheerful avowal of his preference; it is odd to see Uncle Remus including Lander among his favorite authors of prose; but one would expect Shakespeare and Burns to be his favorite poets, and it is consistent and significant that he should write down "The People" as his favorite musical composers.

Mr. T. Russell Sullivan writes the best lot of answers in the lot—which is as much as to say, of course, that the Listener is most in sympathy with them. His favorite authors of prose are Sterne, Sir Thomas Browne; his poets, Shakespeare, Heine; his painters, Velasquez, Rembrandt; his "composers," Dimer and Sleep, which is a "goak," his favorite hero in fiction, "The Uncomplaining Poor." He mostly enjoys travel, and most detests an electric street car, while the "historic event" which he should like most to have been present was the interview between Eve and the serpent.

Miss Agnes Repplier's answers are as illuminating as to the character of that gifted lady. Naturally Scott is one of her favorite prose writers, and Keats goes with Shakespeare in poetry, while her favorite composers are Gounod and Verdi. That "Marius the Epicurean" should be her favorite book is rather an odd thing to some warm admirer of Mr. Pater, who doesn't share Miss Repplier's general romantic and sanguinary tastes in literature. The admiring civilities of "Marius" seems very far away from the silly barbarism of "Ivanhoe." But whether it is she who is inconsistent or whether they are, each party probably would not leave it to the other to decide. Of course Miss Repplier's heroine in real life is Mary Stuart, and the historic event at which she would most like to have been present was the battle of Agincourt. No circular need come from the mails to find that out.

The literary ladies, by the way, who have such an unwomanly taste for gore, and who pour out so much tardy ink in the praise of thirsty sword, illustrate anew the tendency of their sex to come briskly in expressing their thoughts just after men have ceased to think them. Ah, well, at the same time that Miss Repplier avows these things she avows that she would rather live in London than anywhere else, and declares that the gift of nature she would most like to have is health, which is as much as to say that she has it not, and illness, and life in Philadelphia, and a liking for London will account for a great many backward and morbid things in one's understanding.—Boston Transcript.

## "The Criminal Type."

An important result of the congress at Brussels on criminal anthropology has been the discrediting of the so called "criminal type," or habitual criminal. The person who was born a criminal, and must be one, "molens volens," was supposed to have a smaller capacity of skull than the average, a more retreating forehead, the back of the head large, the lower jaw very strong and pronounced, the ears often deformed, the hair coarse and thick, the beard scanty, etc.

Dr. Tarovski, of St. Petersburg, and Dr. Naecke, from a very large collection of data, maintained that there was no special peculiarity in the physique of criminals, male or female, and the general tendency of the papers read and discussions on the subject was to regard crime as the result of social and physical rather than physical peculiarities.—Manchester Times.

## Sending Flowers.

Just a word or two about the packing of flowers, facts, if you want your gift to arrive almost as fresh as when you picked them. If you desire to send roses, insert the cut stems into a raw potato, and the moisture will keep them from wilting, while the flowers themselves should be wrapped in wax paper. For small blossoms, such as violets, sweet peas, or orange flowers, pack them closely in damp moss, but never wet the flowers themselves. Cover always with waxed paper, and in case you can procure a tin or light weight wooden box it will insure their safe arrival, as a paste-board box is apt to get broken.—St. Louis Republic.

## Effect of the Interstate Law.

A granger riding in the cars stuck his head out of the window: "Better put your head in," said the conductor. The granger obeyed, and then turned to the man behind him and said, "Why can't I put my head out?" "You might knock some of the telegraph poles down," was the answer. "Oh, that's it. Well, if they're so mighty afraid of a few old poles, I'll keep my head in. That's the way on the railroads since that new law went into effect."—New York World.

## Excusable.

"How is my wagon getting along?" asked the butcher. "You've had it six weeks." "All ready but the wheels. They're not tired yet," returned the wagon maker. "Well, they ought to be; they've been waiting so long," said the butcher.—Harper's Bazar.

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## The Firemen and the Borough.

The defiant announcement of the borough officials as manifested in the fire ordinance goes into effect to-day. It implies that physical force will be used to prevent fire departments other than that of the borough from doing fire duty within the limits of the borough. The Township Committee held a special meeting on Thursday afternoon at which the borough fire ordinance was the sole topic of consideration and it was voted to send a letter to the persons assuming to be officers of the borough, and notify them that if the ordinance was intended to apply to the Bloomfield fire department that as soon as it went into effect that the Bloomfield fire department would not be required to respond to any alarm of fire within the borough precincts. The Township Committee does not propose to assume the responsibility for any rioting or breach of the peace, and will not require the firemen to perform duty at the risk of being arrested, or in peril of bodily injury. If that part of the township over which the borough officials have assumed jurisdiction is not adequately protected in case of fire, the responsibility rests with the borough officials.

## L. A. W. Items.

F. T. CAMP, Counsel.

The L. A. W. Committees, composed to date, are as follows:

Membership—J. Emory Tippet, Boston, Mass.; W. A. Howell, Rockville, Ct.; George D. Locke, Jerseyville, Ill.  
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Fast and reckless bicycle riding, especially in what is called to racing position, is a practice that should be promptly suppressed so far the streets and public thoroughfares are concerned. For every wheelman that gets hurt, at least a dozen pedestrians are wounded, and maimed, if not killed. The practice should be abated. There is a class of riders, who, with backs humped up, and head bowed down, seek to make the fastest speed possible, whether on country roads or in crowded city streets. Without looking out to see what is ahead of them, or likely to cross their path. Enough harm having come of such riding, let us now see if we cannot reduce the record of disaster.

Every bicyclist should be a volunteer deputy superintendent of street and at once notify the authorities of holes in the pavements.

## Ascension Service.

Next Sunday being the Sunday after Ascension, the music in Christ Church will be appropriate to the day. The Anthems at the morning services be "Unfold Ye Portals Everlasting" from the oratorio of the Redemption by Gounod. After next Sunday and commencing with the first Sunday in June instead of the usual evening service. Even song will be sung at 5 P. M.

## A Soldier's Service.

All Honorably Discharged Soldiers and Sailors are invited to meet with Wm. S. Pierson Post on Sunday 26, at 7 P. M. at their Post Room, to attend Devine Service in the First Presbyterian Church, when the Rev. J. Beveridge Lee will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

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